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PRESS ITEM: HEREWITH FULL TEXT NYTIMES EDITORIAL,
ENTITLED 'SECRETARY OF STATE MEANY; -- WHEN THE FOREIGN
POLICY VIEWS OF GEORGE MEANY AND HENRY KISSINGER COLLIDE,
THE INCREASING TENDENCY IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESS
APPEARS TO BE TO RECOGNIZE MR. MEANY AS ACTING SECRETARY
OF STATE.

WITH THE AID OF A BOYCOTT ENFORCED BY THE BULLY BOYS OF
THE INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION, THE
PRESIDENT OF THE AFL/CIO WON FROM PRESIDENT FORD LAST
MONTH AN ORDER HALTING SALES OF AMERICAN GRAIN TO THE SOVIE
UNION PENDING A POLICY REAPPRAISAL THAT SEEMS CERTAIN
TO BRING MODIFICATIONS VERY MUCH TO MR. MEANY'S LIKING.

NOW MR. MEANY IS USING HIS MUSCLE AGAINST AN OLD WHIPPING
BOY, THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION; AND OFFICIAL
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WASHINGTON IS AGAIN MEEKLY BOWING TO HIS WILL.

IN 1970, A YEAR AFTER THE ILO HAD BEEN AWARDED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FOR A HALF-CENTURY OF SERVICE TO THE CAUSE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE, THE UNION CHIEF BULDOZED CONGRESS INTO CUTTING OFF U.S. FUNDS FOR A FULL YEAR.

THE SPECIFIC IRRITANT THEN WAS THE DESIGNATION OF A RUSSIAN AS ONE OF THE ILO'S FIVE ASSISTANT DIRECTORS AN ACTION MR. MEANY TOOK AS CONFIRMATION OF HIS LONG-HELD CONVICTION THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND HIS ALLIES WERE TURNING THE WORLD LABOR BODY INTO A SOUNDING BOARD FOR ANTI-AMERICAN PROPAGANDA.

WHAT IRKS MR. MEANY NOW IS THE ILO'S DECISION OF LAST JUNE TO GRANT "OBSERVER" STATUS TO THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION -- A DISGRACEFUL CAPITULATION TO ANTI-ISRAELI PRESSURE BY THE ARAB BLOC. INTENSE LOBBYING BY THE AFL-CIO HAS INDUCED CONGRESS TO CUT OUT OF A STATE DEPT. APPROPRIATION BILL A 5-6 MILLION DOLLAR PAYMENT TO THE ILO FOR THE LAST HALF OF THIS YEAR AS WELL AS THE FULL U.S. PAYMENT OF 25 PER CENT OF THE ILO BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR.

HOWEVER, MR. MEANY HAS GIVEN PRIVATE INDICATIONS OF HIS READINESS TO UNFREEZE THE MONEY -- BY GIVING AN APPROPRIATE SIGNAL TO CAPITOL HILL -- IF THE FORD ADMINISTRATION BEGINS FILING THE REQUIRED TWO-YEAR NOTICE OF FORMAL U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ILO. A CABINET DECISION TO DO WHAT MR. MEANY WANTS WITHIN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE WEEKS HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN TAKEN.

THERE IS UNDOUBTED MERIT TO THE COMPLAINT THAT THE ILO HAS BECOME A DO-NOTHING AGENCY THESE DAYS AND THAT, LIKE EVERY OTHER WORLD BODY, IT IS OFTEN USED AS AN IDEOLOGICAL PLAYGROUND BY THIRD-WORLD AND COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS. BUT THE REMEDY LIES IN THE INFUSION OF CREATIVE IDEAS BY A HIGH-QUALITY DELEGATION FROM THE U.S., NOT IN ANOTHER DUBIOUS EXERCISE IN SHOCK THERAPY THAT MERELY CONTRIBUTES TO ISOLATING THE U.S. IN AN INDEPENDENT WORLD. ISRAEL, WHICH CERTAINLY HAS A PRIMARY INTEREST IN THE PLO ISSUE, IS STAYING IN AND UNCLASSIFIED

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